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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE-WIDE
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 Geographic Information Systems Council consisting of the following
3 members or their designees: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
4 and Management, (2) the Commissioners of Environmental Protection,
5 Economic and Community Development, Transportation, Public
6 Safety and Public Health, (3) the Chief Information Officer of the
7 Department of Information Technology, (4) one member appointed by
8 the president pro tempore of the Senate representing a municipality
9 with a population of more than sixty thousand, (5) one member
10 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate representing a regional
11 planning agency, (6) two members appointed by the Governor, one
12 representing a municipality with a population of less than sixty
13 thousand but more than thirty thousand and one who is a user of
14 geographic information systems, (7) one member appointed by the
15 speaker of the House of Representatives representing a municipality
16 with a population of less than thirty thousand, and (8) one member

17 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives who
18 is a user of geographic information systems. The Secretary of the Office
19 of Policy and Management, or a designee, shall serve as chairperson of
20 the council and shall administer the affairs of the council, within
21 available appropriations. The Governor shall fill any vacancy by
22 appointment for the unexpired portion of the term vacated. Members
23 shall receive no compensation for their services on said council, but
24 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
25 performance of their duties. Said council shall hold one meeting each
26 month and such additional meetings as may be prescribed by council
27 rules. In addition, special meetings may be called by the chairperson or
28 by any three members upon delivery of forty-eight hours written
29 notice to each member.

30 (b) Within available appropriations, the council shall develop a plan
31 to establish a state-wide geographic information system database of
32 existing and proposed infrastructure and natural resources to assist in
33 making land use decisions. The database shall contain information on
34 (1) industrial sites, (2) brownfields and sites on the hazardous waste
35 disposal inventory maintained by the Commissioner of Environmental
36 Protection under section 22a-133c of the general statutes, (3)
37 infrastructures such as roadways, railways, airports, marine
38 transportation centers and water and sewer facilities, (4) natural
39 resources, including aquifers, (5) water resources such as wetlands and
40 water courses, (6) open space and agricultural or farm lands, and (7)
41 land used for residential and commercial development. Such database
42 shall be designed to promote compatibility and coordination of
43 geographic information system data used by local, regional and state
44 government and the private sector. In establishing the database, the
45 council shall consult with state agencies, municipalities and other users
46 of geographic information system technology.

47 (c) The council shall administer a program of technical assistance to
48 regional planning agencies and municipalities to develop geographic
49 information systems.

50 (d) On or before January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the
 51 council shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
 52 general statutes, on activities under this section to the joint standing
 53 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 54 relating to planning and development.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a state-wide Geographic Information Systems Council.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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